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Mr. Arthur Lundahl
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Dear Mr. Lundahl:

We are now able to give you the results of our inquiries concerning your suggestion No. 64-11, dated 10 July 1963.

Your proposal has been evaluated by the Office of Security. They have been conducting extensive experiments with the Polaroid Corporation since 1 February 1963. Analysis of the experiments are incomplete but do reflect that there are several technical problems that must be overcome in both photographing and laminating Polaroid color film. Because it has already been under study, the idea does not come under the jurisdiction of your Suggestion Awards Committee; however, your Committee has asked me to urge you to continue to let us have the benefit of your constructive thinking.

You will be interested to learn that during the past Fiscal Year \$14,180 was awarded to employees for suggestions of benefit to the Agency.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Executive Secretary

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Use of Polaroid Color for Security
Badges

Unclassified

Conventional color photographic negatives are made for security badges for incoming personnel, plus an interim black and white Polaroid positive exposure for the temporary badge. Some weeks later the employee must return, deposit his temporary badge, and pick up his new color badge. In each instance certain facts and data have to be recorded or duplicated.

Using the new color Polaroid film to make and deliver color badges to incoming personnel at the time of their first visit to the Security Office. It is further suggested that the new procedure take advantage of the new Polaroid Camera to be announced on 18 July 1963. This camera uses a film pack with 8 exposures and does its developing outside the camera, thereby speeding up sequential exposure production. It also measures ambient light at the negative and thereby provides excellent exposure control.

1. Personnel make one visit to the Security Office for their colored security badges, thereby saving travel time back and forth while at the same time reducing personnel traffic in the Security Office.
2. Present repeated or duplicated personnel records and forms for photo laboratory job and security controls could be reduced or eliminated.
3. Photographic quality of Polaroid color is excellent for badge identification.
4. Savings of time, paper work, traffic and money, while increasing speed and efficiency. Saves discarding temporary B&W prints, plastic mounts, etc.